

# Still a Free Ride and Twice as Many

Do you know about the free Apple Hill® Shuttle Service? The Apple Hill® Growers and El Dorado Transit have worked together for a number of years to provide a free alternative to driving your car when visiting Apple Hill®. This shuttle service has been a huge success, even setting a record for ridership last season. This growing popularity prompted the addition of a new bus route on the eastern end of Apple Hill® last year.

The two routes are shown on the map on pages 24 and 25 of this publication. The RED route will take advantage of a parking and boarding area at the US Forest Service Ranger Station on Eight Mile Road in Camino\* and will service the eastern ranches. Along with

*This new route will greatly enhance the opportunity to serve visitors traveling from the Reno/Tahoe area and reduce traffic congestion.*

the GREEN route, servicing western ranches (accessed through the parking lot at Schnell School on Schnell School Road in Placerville),\*\* visitors have shuttle stop options for both the western and eastern ranches.

The hours of operation will continue to be 10 AM until 5 PM (weather permitting) and the busses will run October 3rd and 4th, 10th and 11th, 17th and 18th, and 24th and 25th. However, there will be no shuttle service on October 31st this year.

The routes will continuously follow the Apple Hill® Scenic Drive and allow visitors to easily exit at their favorite ranches, as well as to discover new farms along the way. Many member ranches have bus stops at their ranch entrance, but if there

isn't one at the farm you want to visit, simply ask the driver to let you off. When you want to continue your journey, just hail the next passing bus. Buses are scheduled to arrive every 15 minutes. The western route will utilize four buses, driving counterclockwise on the GREEN (western) loop. Two shuttle buses will follow the RED (eastern) loop, traveling counterclockwise. Transfer points between the two routes are at Honey Bear Ranch and Rainbow Orchards, and at Larsen Apple Barn on Sundays only.

The Apple Hill® Shuttle is sponsored in part by the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District, El Dorado Transit and the Apple Hill® Growers Association. The shuttle service is free and allows visitors to relax in air-conditioned comfort and "leave the driving to El Dorado Transit".

For further details and the latest shuttle

Please see SHUTTLE BUS, page 19

## APPLE HILL ORGANICS

### Farm Markets

**TWO LOCATIONS!**

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#### **24** Honey Bear Ranch & Goodness Orchard

2826 Barkley Road, Camino

**Summer schedule:** Weekends – May through August 23rd

Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**Fall schedule:** Weekends & Wed. – Aug. 26th through Nov.

Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

#### **34** Willow Pond Organic Farm

2731 Jacquier Road, Placerville

Open May - November

Thursdays & Fridays Noon - 5 p.m.

Saturdays & Sundays 9 - 5 p.m.

– See map on page 24 & 25 for locations –

### Farm Suppliers

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**Honey Bear Ranch** - See ad on back cover  
Restaurant, Bake Shop, Fudge Kitchen  
[www.honeybearranch.net](http://www.honeybearranch.net)

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information, check the Apple Hill® Website at [www.applehill.com](http://www.applehill.com). And then enjoy your visit to Apple Hill® the “hassle-free” way.

\*Parking for the shuttle’s eastern (RED) loop at the US Forest Service Ranger Station is accessed from the west by taking the Cedar Grove (#54) exit off Highway 50 and turning right at the stop sign onto Eight Mile Rd. The Ranger Station is on your right just a short way up Eight Mile Rd. If approaching from the east, take exit #54 (it is called the Camino exit from this direction). At the stop sign make a left, drive under the freeway and you’ll be on Eight Mile Road. Signs will show the way!!

\*\*Parking for the shuttle’s western (GREEN) loop at Schnell School is accessed by taking the Schnell School Road exit (#48) off Highway 50 in Placerville. Schnell School (and its large parking lot) is on Schnell School Road just north of Highway 50. Again, signs will show the way!!

*“Crisp Fall days! My children going when they were young, Fall colors. Building memories. Photos of picking pumpkins, riding the train through the cattails.”*

- Diane Wirtanen (Headstart teacher EDCOE)

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